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Essex County Teachers' Association.

The quarterly meeting of this Association, held in this village last week, was quite a notable and extremely pleasant event in our educational history. The people of Bloomfield responded heartily by a large and appreciative attendance at the opening lecture by Secy. Northrop, given on Friday evening in the Presbyterian church. The address, on Education Abroad, was pronounced by many who heard it as being one of the most instructive they ever listened to. At ten o'clock on Saturday morning the teachers from all parts of the County met in the Central School building, there being about 150 present, besides a fair representation of Bloomfield people whose interest in educational matters led them to accept the invitation to attend, offered them by the Executive Committee. Mr. J. H. Root, President of the Association, to whose energy and good taste in arranging for the exercises much praise is due, called the meeting to order. A passage of Scripture was read and prayer offered by Rev. A. C. Friswell. Mr. M. W. Dodd, Secretary of the District Board of Trustees, then made a short address, expressing gratification that so large a number of school workers were present, and bidding them a hearty welcome on behalf of the town of Bloomfield.

Secretary Northrop then addressed the Association on "School Incentives," giving his views respecting the best methods of stimulating the minds of scholars. He considered that success depended largely upon the teacher's ability to mould the character of the pupil. The aim should be to energize the will. History showed that those who attained eminence were men of determination, and this energy of the will should be the earliest aim of the teacher. Corporal punishment, as an incentive, was discouraged, except in extreme cases. He thought that where it was allowed, it was too often used to excess. Teachers were advised never to use the rod until all other measures had failed. It should never be used indifferently, or in passion. Various illustrations, introduced by the speaker, to ridicule the indiscretions of some teachers in inflicting punishment, were intensely humorous. He held that scholars needed to be encouraged and praised rather than excessively reproved for their faults. Especially should the backward be encouraged. Teachers were apt to bestow too much praise upon their bright scholars. The confession of faults was to be fostered, on the principle that "a wrong confessed is half redressed."

On the question of suspending boys from school, he said, "don't do it until kindness has failed. Give the rough boy a chance. Treat him kindly, encourage him, watch for some good trait in his heart, whereby you can take advantage and win him over." The encouragement of self-respect in pupils through a regard for cleanliness and personal pride and neatness was regarded as a powerful educational incentive. "Seek to cultivate a taste for the good and beautiful in art and nature." Character, he thought, was formed more by feeling than by thinking. European schools excel ours in politeness. But by this he did not wish to be understood as incultivating the mere art of pleasing, which was deception. "To give pleasure, to forget oneself and make others around him happy is high and ennobling." Mr. Northrop held that the natural desire for knowledge in children ought to be stimulated and encouraged to the utmost. He favored exciting curiosity in the young mind, and had no sympathy with the idea of the murder of innocents by over-study. The mischief came from prematurely making gentlemen and ladies of little boys and girls, by late hours, amusements and indulgences beyond their age. He also recommended as an incentive, a cultivation of the love of parents and of country. In this Centennial year we ought to develop this feeling of patriotism. But highest of all, a love of truth should be encouraged, without which the foundation of knowledge is lacking. Give a child the best opportunities possible to profit by your own example of morality and Christianity.

Following this excellent address by Secretary Northrop, the leading points of which we have given, came an address on Desecration and Gesture, by Mr. J. T. Clark of South Orange, which was received with much favor.

A method of teaching primary children the rudiments of drawing, explained by Miss A. Baird of Berkeley School, finished the morning session.

At one o'clock, by invitation of President Root, the teachers and other guests adjourned to the Primary School Room, where they found a fine repast in readiness for them. The young ladies of the High School had assumed the entire management and responsibility of this important feature of the day's entertainment, and it proved to be a grand success. There was an abundance of the best of

edibles, and the tables, or desks, rather, were served in commendable style by a committee of the scholars.

At the afternoon session the interest and attendance was larger than in the morning. County Superintendent Davis addressed the Association on Preparing for the Centennial Exhibition, expressing hope that the teachers would take an interest in having their schools and classes represented in the Educational Department. He gave the opinion that Massachusetts would probably make the best exhibit, and that New Jersey would be able to occupy the second or third position.

Miss Whipple, who has charge of the first class in the Grammar Department of the Central School, introduced a musical exercise by her class, numbering about forty scholars. It consisted of questions by the instructor, recitative answers and singing, all of which showed efficient training and the development of considerable musical talent.

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Fighting Road Board Assessments.

In pursuance of a notice published in this paper last week, a considerable gathering of interested property holders met in Friendship Hall on Monday evening last to consider the latest revised assessment by the Road Board Commissioners for benefits on Bloomfield avenue. Mr. Joseph K. Oakes was appointed Chairman, and Mr. A. S. Taylor, Secretary. The meeting was spirited, and much indignation was expressed at the manner in which assessments had been made, they being so unequal and unjust. It was manifest that it was the wish of the meeting that the Essex Public Road Board be abolished. It was finally agreed to commence legal proceedings to set aside the assessments by which their lands are affected, which protest will be presented to the Essex Public Road Board on the 14th inst., by Counsel.

A petition is now in circulation in which signers consent to contribute three per cent upon their assessments for expenses that may be incurred in defending and maintaining their position.

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On Monday last Messrs. W. S. Morris & Son of Montclair, gave John Finerty a messenger, employed by Baldwin's Bloomfield Express \$175 in money, and a note for \$142.67 to deposit in the Mechanic's Bank in Newark. On inquiry at the bank the firm subsequently learned that the deposit had not been received, while Finerty declared that he had deposited the money and note there. Finerty bears an excellent character for honesty and integrity, and the affair appears to be involved in mystery.

Our town was startled on Monday by the shocking announcement that Mr. Theodore Wharry, who resided on the Old Road to Newark, near Weaver avenue, had committed suicide by shooting himself with a musket. The only cause that can be attributed for the commission of the act is discouragement and despondency, resulting from long continued ill-health. He was unmarried, about fifty-five years of age, and lived with his brother and sister in comfortable circumstances. His relatives had no mistrust of his dreadful intention. During the morning, Miss Wharry, who was housekeeper, went to Newark, receiving an affectionate good-bye from her brother, but little dreaming that she would never see him alive again. About 10 o'clock Mr. Horatio Wharry came to the village to procure family supplies, and upon his return an hour afterward was shocked and grieved to find that Theodore had taken a musket, gone into the cellar and there, about himself. The weapon and a piece of iron which had doubtless been used to strike the hammer, were found. He had apparently placed the muzzle of the gun to his head, the result of the discharge being instant death, crushing in the skull, the body and remains presenting a terrible sight. An inquest was held by Coroner Osborne on the afternoon of the occurrence. It came out during the inquest that the deceased was in poor health, and lately showed signs of softening of the brain. The jury decided that he came to his death "from a gunshot wound at his own hand, while temporarily insane."

The Combined Coal Companies have ordered a five weeks' suspension of mining operations. The over-production incident to the mild winter, cramping the coal yards at tide-water, is given as the cause of the order. The real reason is to keep the operators from suffering by a decline in the wholesale price of coal.

A terrific fire broke out in New York on Tuesday night in the block bounded by Broadway, Howard and Crosby streets. Seven large warehouses were destroyed, the loss estimated at \$4,000,000. Five firemen were struck down by a falling wall, three of whom were crushed to death.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Vote for Sheriff next Tuesday.

Beautiful snow has nearly disappeared and "beautiful mud" is next in order.

The Newark public school buildings are being photographed